

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Terence A. Alexander, M.D., a 50 year-old physician who practices medicine in Dubuque, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. Dr. Alexander was charged with violating the terms of a Physician Health Contract that he entered into with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) when he failed to fully comply with the IPHP's drug screening program and failed to attend required Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Alexander a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine for violating the terms of the IPHP contract. Dr. Alexander was also placed on probation for a period of three years subject to certain terms and conditions for substance abuse and mental health monitoring.

Gurcharan S. Randhawa, M.D., a 59 year-old internist who practices in Sigourney, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On January 28, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Randhawa with demonstrating a pattern of professional incompetency in his medical practice, including his medical knowledge, clinical judgment and medical record keeping. The Board also alleged that Dr. Randhawa may suffer from a physical or mental condition which impairs his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Under the terms of the March 27, 2008, Settlement Agreement, Dr. Randhawa agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine, complete Board-approved neuropsychological testing and submit a remediation plan for Board approval. Dr. Randhawa was also placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions to monitor his medical practice.